

Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

Director's Conference Room
3839 North 3rd Street, Suite 209, Phoenix, AZ 85012
March 17th 2015 – 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Randy Meyer (Chairman)
Stanley Zeitz (Vice Chairman)
Anthony Irby
Larry Struck
John Aldecoa
Thomas Troxell
George Cushing
Carol Culbertson

Committee Members Absent

Martin Badegian
Kathy Pearce
Paul Clark
Robert Barnes, ADVS Deputy Director/Designee

MFRF Committee Staff

Michelle Sullivan, ADVS/MFRF

Assistant Arizona Attorney General - Invited

CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Randy Meyer called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. George Cushing moved to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on February 20th 2015. Stanley Zeitz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Chairman Randy Meyer read the Advisory Committee's Disclosure Policy. Advisory Committee members must disclose their knowledge of an applicant to the Advisory Committee during the consideration process. Knowledge of an applicant that benefits all members of the Advisory Committee during the consideration process does not create a conflict of interest. If an Advisory Committee member has knowledge of an applicant and has a vested interest in the outcome of the Committee's findings or seeks to benefit or gain from a vote on a particular application, he/she is required to recuse his or herself from consideration of that applicant as it creates a conflict of interest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Randy Meyer moved the meeting to executive session at 2:09 p.m. to discuss MFRF applications that are, according to ARS 41-608.04.E., confidential. Executive Session is allowable under ARS 41-608.04.E.

APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman Randy Meyer returned the meeting to public session at 3:28 p.m. to vote on applications.

- 1. 2011-July M 02-21-2015** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be denied as requested for assistance with two month's rent, auto, and utilities. The Committee noted the applicant expenses are beyond means, the applicant needs to reduce costs. There is no income or future plan to be able

to sustain high expenses, as well as proof from VA Benefits Counselor that a claim has been submitted for any disabilities as noted in the application. The committee recommends applicant meet with a VA Benefits Counselor to assist with VA claim and provide documentation. Committee noted applicant had upgraded to an expensive luxury auto (with consequent high insurance and registration fees) as well as expensive housing with no apparent income. George Cushing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **2013-December G** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved for the requested two and half months or rental assistance with a requirement to submit a written plan for future income and sustainability. John Aldecoa seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
3. **2012- December A 02-25-2015** John Aldecoa moved to recommend application be approved for up to three months of rental assistance on a month to month basis pending VA disability be reinstated. The Committee recommend applicant coordinate with VA Benefits representative to discuss a payment plan immediately. George Cushing seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
4. **2014-March B 03-04-2015** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved for three months of rent, auto, auto insurance, phone, and utilities only. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
5. **2015-March C TIP** George Cushing moved to recommend application be approved for up to \$10,000 for participation in the Transition in Place program that provides up to six month housing assistance and supportive services. Anthony Irby seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
6. **2015-March A TIP** John Aldecoa moved to recommend application be approved for up to \$10,000 for participation in the Transition in Place program that provides up to six month housing assistance and supportive services, contingent upon receipt of VA/CBI referral letter. Larry Struck seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
7. **2015-February F TIP** George Cushing moved to recommend application be approved for up to \$10,000 for participation in the Transition in Place program that provides up to six month housing assistance and supportive services. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
8. **2015-March D TIP** Anthony Irby moved to recommend application be approved for up to \$10,000 for participation in the Transition in Place program that provides up to six month housing assistance and supportive services, contingent upon receipt of VA/CBI referral letter. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
9. **2014-March F 03-20-2015** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved for assistance with only the SRP bill. The committee questions the need for gas assistance as there is no documentation the applicant owns an automobile any longer. Assistance could not be provided for the phone bill as the applicant provided no receipt. The Committee recommends applicant submits a claim for disability with a VA Benefits Counselor and submit a written plan for future income and sustainability. Anthony Irby seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
10. **2015-02 E 03-05-2015** Larry Struck moved to recommend application be approved for assistance with three months' rent, utilities, auto, insurance, and internet only. The Committee recommends meeting with a VA Representative to follow up on spousal benefits. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

MARKETING REPORTS

CALL TO PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT and NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

George Cushing moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting. Anthony Irby seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.